Chapter 198: The Realm of Forgotten Truths

High above the intricate fabric of the multiverse, a faint ripple spread across existence. Sung Jin-Woo, seated on the throne in the Umbra Citadel, sensed a disturbance—an echo from a realm long thought to be a myth.

The Realm of Forgotten Truths: a domain whispered about in ancient scriptures, where the erased memories of gods, mortals, and even the Absolute Being were said to be stored. It was a place outside the reach of time, sealed away to prevent the truths within from unraveling the balance of existence.

Jin-Woo's All-Seeing Eyes caught a flicker of its location, and his curiosity was piqued. What secrets could lie in a realm capable of holding the forgotten truths of the multiverse?

Preparing for the Journey

To venture into this realm was no ordinary task. It required precision, power, and caution. Jin-Woo summoned his first clone, now fully ascended with three hearts and twelve wings, and equipped it with a fragment of his divine authority.

He also consulted his library, searching for knowledge about the Realm of Forgotten Truths. The texts described it as a labyrinth of memories, guarded by entities born of regret and despair, with a core that held the ultimate truth—the fall of the first Absolute Being.

Entering the Forgotten Realm

The clone tore through space-time, following the subtle echoes that guided it to the Forgotten Realm. As it neared, the environment shifted. The air grew heavy with the weight of countless suppressed memories, and the realm itself seemed to resist the intrusion.

A massive gate stood at the threshold, carved from obsidian and adorned with shifting runes. It bore an inscription:

> “Here lies the truths too dangerous for the living. Only the worthy may enter. Only the brave may leave.”

Using the power of his three hearts, the clone pushed open the gate, stepping into a realm unlike any other.

The Labyrinth of Memories

Inside, the Realm of Forgotten Truths was a swirling expanse of fragmented visions. Memories, emotions, and moments drifted like ethereal specters, each one a shard of a story lost to time.

Trials of the Forgotten

1. The Sea of Regret: A vast ocean of sorrowful memories. The clone had to wade through it, confronting the regrets of countless beings, including echoes of his own mortal life.

2. The Guardians of Despair: Ethereal beings born from the darkest memories of the gods. These guardians attacked relentlessly, but the clone’s mastery of shadow and light overwhelmed them, binding their forms into his dominion.

3. The Hall of Reflection: A chamber where the clone faced the most painful memories of Sung Jin-Woo's journey—his sacrifices, his losses, and the burden of his power. Emerging unshaken, the clone proved its resolve.

The Core of Forgotten Truths

At the heart of the labyrinth was the Core of Forgotten Truths, a crystalline structure that pulsed with the memories of the multiverse. The clone approached cautiously, activating the All-Seeing Eyes to peer into its depths.

The Downfall of the First Absolute Being

The core revealed a vision—a moment lost to time. The first Absolute Being, in its infinite wisdom, had created the multiverse, but its very perfection became its undoing. The Absolute Being sought to maintain balance, but internal conflict among its creations led to betrayal.

The vision showed the Primordial Betrayal, where a faction of divine beings, born from the Absolute Being’s own essence, rebelled against their creator. Their actions fractured the Absolute Being’s power, scattering its essence across the multiverse and giving rise to chaos.

The Revelation

The clone returned to the Umbra Citadel, carrying the truth. Sung Jin-Woo, upon hearing the revelation, felt a mixture of admiration and sorrow for the first Absolute Being. Its sacrifice was a testament to the weight of divine responsibility—a burden he now carried.

Sung Jin-Woo’s Resolve

With this newfound knowledge, Sung Jin-Woo understood the delicate balance of creation. The rebellion and sacrifice of the first Absolute Being were lessons etched into the fabric of existence.

He vowed to ensure that no such betrayal would ever arise again. The power of the Scepter of Dominion and the unity of the Divine Triad, the Duo Dragons, and the Seven Dragons would maintain order across the multiverse.

The Realm of Forgotten Truths had provided not just answers but a renewed sense of purpose. Sung Jin-Woo would honor the legacy of the first Absolute Being, protecting the multiverse from the chaos that once threatened its very existence.

For the Shadow Sovereign, the past was not a burden—it was a guide for the future.